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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a non-English patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c), which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No(s). 60/432,660 filed on December 12, 2002. An English translation will follow within the required time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).

Inventor(s): Naoki MATSUDA  
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For: GAS GENERATOR FOR AIR BAG

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of sixteen (16) pages
- ☒ Two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-356702 filed in Japan on December 9, 2002.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - ☒ Certified copy(ies) will follow.

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- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and reference(s)
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) (2) (B) (i)
- ☐ Other:
- ☒ Provisional application filed in English:  
☐ YES      ☒ NO

If "NO," an English translation with a Statement of Accuracy:  
☐ is attached hereto    ☒ will follow.

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- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The

original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

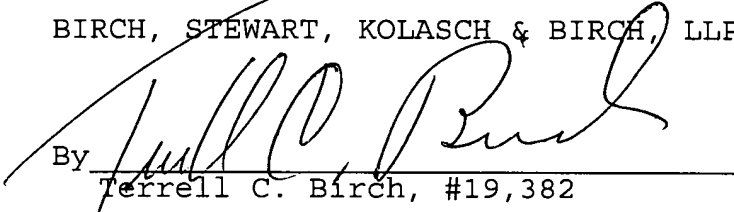
- ☒ Non-English specification - \$130.00 surcharge.
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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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